

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 19, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 208.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Fabius Stanley, a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, praying to be allowed the difference between the pay of lieutenant and that of commander during the time he was actually attached to the navy yard at Mare island, California, have had the same under consideration, and report :

The petitioner, a lieutenant in the navy, was detailed on the 22d of November, 1854, by the Navy Department, for duty at the navy yard, Mare island, California, and under this order he performed duty there for about one year, he being the only commissioned officer besides Commander Farragut, commanding the yard. The petitioner's pay was \$1,500 per annum. This, as he alleges, was insufficient to support him, and he cites the following as the rates of pay at the yard at the time, to wit: Carpenters, blacksmiths, and masons \$8 per day; clerks, \$8 20 per day; laborers, \$5 50 to \$6 50 per day.

Your committee find that, under the act of the 5th August, 1854, the commander of this yard, entitled by his lineal rank to \$2,100 per annum, received \$3,500 per annum, (the pay of the next highest grade,) in consequence of the enhanced price of all the expenses of living in California; and upon referring to the senators from that State for information as to such expenses at the time of Lieutenant Stanley's service, they state it to have been about fifty per cent. above those in the eastern States—"servants' hire, board, washing, &c., being from fifty to one hundred per cent. higher."

The Secretary of the Navy, on the 18th February, 1857, in response to a letter addressed to him by the committee on this case, says: "My opinion is, that the pay of the officers of the navy yard at San Francisco has not been fairly proportioned to the immense extra expenses to which they have been subjected. I have frequently officially recommended that the pay of the officers at that navy yard should be

greater than that of those at other yards. In the case of Mr. Stanley, I am not aware of any other peculiar claim."

The prayer of the petitioner is for commander's pay in lieu of that he received as lieutenant, and deeming his prayer reasonable your committee report a bill accordingly.